**February 2016 Tydings**

**February, 10, 2016**

**ASH Wednesday**

12:05 p.m.
in the Chapel

7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

**Lenten Devotionals**

**now available throughout the church**

**A Place for Prayer: Daily Prayers for Lent**

Our Lord taught us to pray and, modeling what he taught, he himself spent time in prayer to his Father. Jesus prayed with and for his disciples. He prayed alone, going off to desolate places and praying all through the night. From Gethsemane and from the cross he cried out in prayers of anguish and trust. Through the pages of this Lent prayer booklet, as we walk with our Lord to the cross, we follow—every place—his path of prayer.

This booklet is also available for $.99 on:

- Amazon
- Kindle
- Nook

**Choral Evensong for the Beginning of Lent**

Sunday, February 21, 2016 @ 4:00 pm

(CPC Chancel Choir)

Music of the 16th Century Tudors:

Tallis, Byrd, Morley, and Gibbons

Anthems, canticles, hymns, prayers, chants, and psalms:

transporting us from the mundane to the spiritual.

Tudor Church Music is sacred choral music “on a diet”; it sounds like we are trimming down for spring!

The simplicity, the trim choral lines, the lack of flamboyant expression, the austere beauty of textures, unadorned intelligibility: these are the delectable qualities of the accessible efficient nourishment the worshiper draws from the music of Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons and Thomas Morley.

William Byrd was organist of the Chapel Royal; Orlando Gibbons was the leading English composer of his generation, as he held positions as Organist of the Royal Chapel and finally organist at Westminster Abbey. Thomas Morley wrote music for the liturgy of the Church of England, as he was employed at St. Paul's in London, becoming a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal in 1592.

**JOIN THE JOURNEY**

**INQUIRERS’ AND NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS**

Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. Worship

January 31-February 28 in the Parlor

Sign-up in Cloister Hall or call the church office

**Let’s Get Creative!**

**Saturday, February 27th**

Kids ages 3 to 9 are invited to bring a parent, grandparent, or other special grown-up for a fun afternoon together where we inspire our faith through the arts!

Be sure to wear clothes that let you explore your artistic side without worry!

To confirm your artist’s attendance at this free event you **must** register by February 24th either through our website, [www.cantoncpc.org](http://www.cantoncpc.org) (click on the event registration tab on the home page) or by calling the church office at **330.456.8113**. Your artist is
Sunday Morning Adult Classes  
9:15-10:15 a.m.

The Library Class is studying the Letters of John: *The New Daily Bible* by William Barclay; *Let’s Study the Letters of John* by Ian Hamilton.

Contemporary Issues and Biblical Thought Adult Class meets in the Quilting Room Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 a.m. and is studying a book by Dee Brestin entitled, “Proverbs and Parables, God’s Wisdom for Living.”

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.
- 2/7—Passover, led by Betsy Smith
- 2/14—Feast of Weeks, led by Jim Smith
- 2/21—Day of Atonement, led by Ken Wulff
- 2/28—The Feast of Booths, led by Fred Bohse

The Upper Room Class, led by Mike Ophardt, meets on the second floor above the Parlor.

Westminster Class: Dr. Keith Lloyd, Kent State Professor of Bible, English, and Rhetoric will be with us through February 21. He is teaching around the theme of *Rhetoric* in both the Old and New Testaments. When we think of the word rhetoric in a modern sense, we sometimes imagine politicians and the mindless drivel to which they sometimes attach themselves. But *Rhetoric*, in the best classical sense, is the logical and disciplined method by which arguments are made and advanced. Dr. Lloyd will take this classical definition of Rhetoric into the Bible and illustrate how some exemplary Scriptural arguments were made. He will take into account the objectives of the poets, prophets, priests, historians, and apostles who made them, as well as the cultural contexts and influences that helped shape them.

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Letter from Porcupine Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends,

Once again the busy days of preparing for and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has come and gone, and the Lord has blessed us with another new year!

The fourteen boxes of Christmas gifts from your wonderful, caring members of the Christ Presbyterian Church arrived in plenty of time for the Christmas program at our church on Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24. The month of December was challenging, to say the least, because it was difficult to hold church services/functions due to the adverse weather, road conditions, and no propane in the church tanks. But, praise the Lord, everything came together and we were able to have the Christmas program with a meal preceding the service which was attended by many. There were many children in attendance along with their families. Dale Young Man worked with some of the children to have a Nativity play. There were many gifts to share along with the bags of candy, nuts, peanuts and boxes of apples and oranges donated by different families in memory of loved ones. But, most importantly, it was a perfect time to be able to share the Good News of the birth of Jesus with so many.

The tradition is that we usually have a New Year’s Eve service observing Holy Communion at midnight to bring in the New Year. This year we held our service at 11:00 a.m. on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2016, with Holy Communion and a dinner following. Many of us felt it was better for us so we weren’t traveling late at night.

We know that there were a number of people taking pictures the night of the Christmas service, and our son Terry also took some. We hope to make contact with some of them to see if they would share their pictures with us so we could, in turn, share them with you.

Thank you for all your hard work of buying, wrapping the gifts and shipping them to us. You will never know how much you are loved and appreciated for all the work you do IN HIS NAME...and share with our people.

We haven’t had church services for the past two Sundays. Sunday, January 3, 2016, was weather-related and today, January 10, 2016, also weather related and both of us are ill. May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you continue to carry out His work.

Sincerely, In Jesus’ Name,
Rev. Simon Looking Elk
Porcupine Presbyterian Church

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February 7—No Youth Group
February 14 & February 28—6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

February 21—Winter Jam Concert in Cleveland (10 Bands)  
$10+ meal money. Leave after church; return 11:00 p.m.  
Dress warm (long wait to get in)

February 26-27—30 Hour Famine  
6:30 p.m. Friday—Leave from CPC, 1:00 p.m.—Return to CPC  
Eat breakfast on Friday before school, then don’t eat until closing meal on Saturday. Collect sponsorship money. Our goal is $100 per person. Proceeds go to World Vision and Youth Missions.

High School Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Thursdays in February (except 2/4) at Muggswigz

Welcome Dale Davis, our new Youth Volunteer Leader.
Tuesday, February 16

TAG for February has a romantic flair, coming just two days after Valentine’s Day.

Curator Kimberly Kenney of the McKinley Museum will present “Something Borrowed, Something Blue: A History of Wedding Traditions.” Learn the history behind bouquets, invitations, favors, gift giving, wedding cake, and many more of our favorite traditions! We will also explore wedding superstitions.

As always, you can look forward to a delicious homemade meal prepared by the TAG chefs. We gather at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45 a.m., and lunch at noon. The program begins at approximately 12:45 p.m. and concludes by about 1:30 p.m. The cost is $7.00.

Here is the schedule and list of programs for the rest of the TAG season:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Celebrating the Bösendorfer Piano, presented by David Kienzle & friends

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Edith Roosevelt, presented by Janey McClelland Davis

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Pluses and Minuses of Getting Older, presented by Verna Barrett

from the Deacons’ Bench

Dear Friends in Christ,

We pray that your Christmas celebration was joyous and your new year was happy. As we begin our journey into 2016 I ask you to prayerfully consider the opportunities to participate in the community. We as Deacons have a duty—and a passion—to minister to those in need both within and beyond the community of faith. In planning for your 2016 giving, we ask that you prayerfully consider specific gifts to the Deacons. Funds in the Deacons budget help to serve needs in Transportation, monthly Saturday breakfasts, Food Clothing and Prayer Ministry, as well as poinsettias and gerbera daisies for those members who can no longer attend services in person, just to name a few. As spring approaches, the Nominating Committee will be looking for new Deacons. We would also love to have you join us in service. Blessings to all in 2016.

Shalom,
The Deacons

Food, Clothing, Prayer Ministry Update

If you happened to be in our Church on the morning of December 23, you witnessed the Grace of God in a most special way. The FCP Ministry hosted families for our second annual Christmas Gathering. The music and laughter could be heard the moment you entered the door!

Over 128 families joined us last month as we enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts to start the festivities. The entire Westminster Hall was filled with tables of volunteers and families—caroling, mingling, laughing, and getting to know one another better. The craft table was busy from start to finish with adults and children excited to make ornaments for their holidays.

A special thank you to everyone involved in knitting hats and scarves. We set up a table overflowing with your beautiful creations. As people lined up to receive their groceries they were able to choose something handmade from that table. It was so rewarding to watch the excitement on their faces as each person chose their special gift.

The most heartwarming part of our Christmas gathering, though, had nothing to do with presents or food. Knowing that the holidays can be a trying time, we set up Prayer Partner tables in Cloister Hall and announced that anyone who wished to talk or pray with one of our Prayer Partners during the morning could do so. We hoped that a couple of people might take advantage of this time. As it turned out over 20 people joined us in this special prayer time—a true testimony to how important all aspects of our Ministry are to the people we serve.

Thank you all for helping make this a most special day. By the end of the party, I’m not sure who felt the most rewarded, the clients or volunteers!

Blessings and many thanks for your help and donations,
Lorraine Murphy and all of our FCP volunteers

Enjoy and celebrate GRANDparenting!

Grandparents are God’s special gift to grandchildren and play a vital role in passing on the faith. In the pages of this unique prayer book, authors Rich and Hazel Bimler, grandparents themselves, speak on the real-life issues of older adults and suggest “play” and “proclaim” activities in which older adults can live out these prayers as they faithfully serve the needs of family and friends around them.

Copies can be found at the welcome desk, the information kiosk, or in the office.
A few weeks ago I used a story in worship that was “republished” from The Onion, an online news source that relies heavily upon sarcasm and satire. Perhaps you’ll remember the sermon:

MACON, GA—Sources confirmed today that the brainwashed morons at First Baptist Assembly of Christ, all of whom blindly accept whatever simplistic fairy tales are fed to them, volunteer each Wednesday night to provide meals to impoverished members of the community. “Unfortunately, there are a lot of people in town who have fallen on hard times and are unable to afford to put food on the table, so we try to help out as best we can,” said 48-year-old Kerri Bellamy, one of the mindless sheep who adheres to a backward ideology and is incapable of thinking for herself, while spooning out homemade shepherd’s pie to a line of poor and homeless individuals. “It feels great to share our blessings with the less fortunate. Plus, it’s fun to work alongside all the members of our [corrupt institution of propaganda and lies] who come out each week.” As of press time, the brainless, unthinking lemmings had donated winter clothing they no longer wore to several needy families and still hadn’t opened their eyes to reality. (The Onion, January 3, 2016)

This “news story” highlights the animosity and ill will many in our culture direct toward the church of Jesus Christ in 21st Century America. Religious ignorance runs amuck in and around us! And, in all honesty, we have given people (culture) reason to question our practices and our motives. News of churches behaving badly hit the headlines every day. The bigger picture of Christian activity in the world is still big and beautiful, but it is difficult to get that news out. Even we who make up “the body of Christ” cringe to speak of good things God is doing in our church, in our families, and in our lives. If we are not daring enough to tell our own stories, why should we expect others to do so? If we do not have courage enough to speak of God’s continued grace and movement in our day-to-day existence, why would we expect others to speak it for us?

Most of us have been utterly amazed at the few stories we have already heard during our worship time known as “Grace in Our Midst.” Already stories have been told that have made us laugh and made us cry. Each story has allowed us to envision Christ at work in individual lives. Nobody else is going to tell these stories. We have to!

Sometime soon, someone is likely to ask you to tell the congregation a story of how God is working in your life. Soon! We’ve asked a few already. The immediate response goes something like this: “I couldn’t. I wouldn’t know what to say. I can’t talk in front of the entire congregation like that!”

To these excuses, Elder Scott McCahan has a response. Allow me to summarize his words; “It’s not that difficult at all! After my first time I wanted to do it again. You start by saying ‘Yes, I’ll do it. I’ll trust God to lead me on.’ Then you get a piece of paper and start to write. That’s when God seems to take over; words keep coming. The real difficulty is trying to ‘contain God’ to 90 seconds! Then you have to trust God to get you past the silly fear of standing up in front of long-time friends and people you love and who love you—those who want only the best for you...who are rooting for you...excited for you...support you...praying for you—so you can share your brief faith story. It’s an amazing experience no one should deprive themselves of!”

If you don’t tell your God story, don’t expect others to share their God story. Soon enough, the only God stories we’ll have are those written by people who deny, distrust, and betray God. That’s not the kind of world I want to live in. You?

Tell us your story,
Pastor Dave
2016 Easter Flower Program:
This year we will decorate the Chancel with a variety of spring plants for our Easter services. You may purchase a plant or plants at a cost of $12 per plant. You may also give a memorial or a gift of any amount. This will be divided between the fund to purchase spring plants and the Food Ministry Fund. Call the church office by Sunday, February 21, to place your order and indicate your plant choice and quantity: Tulips, Gerbera Daisies or Lilies.

2016 Per Capita Communicant Apportionment
$28.73 per member
7.12—General Assembly
3.25—Synod
18.36—Presbytery

Your assistance in donating to help defray the cost to the church will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on your check for the 2016 apportionment.

November 2006, Session had voted to withhold the G/A and Synod portions. These portions have been divided with an equal portion going to the Mission Ministry and an equal portion going to the Session to disburse as they recommend. The Presbytery portion will continue to be paid monthly to the Presbytery.

FINANCIAL NOTES

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This reporting reflects the General and Camp Funds from July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. THANK YOU!

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Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,
I want to thank those who sang carols and brought a beautiful poinsettia plant to me at Christmas time. ~Mrs. Arlene Koch

Dear Church Family,
I would like to express my appreciation for the lovely card that I received. Thank you for prayers and many acts of kindness. Blessings to all. ~Collette Everhart

Ladies of Christ Presbyterian,
Thank you so much for your caring and delicious food. Jim and I want you to know how very much each of you are appreciated. ~Jim & Gloria Marks

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MOMENT

Box Tops, Box Tops, Box Tops! Please check the Box Tops for Education website for special deals. Every one is worth a dime and that doesn’t seem like much until you have a hundred and then you have ten dollars. We will be collecting all of 2016 so be sure to check all of the labels on any purchases. Please put them in a pew envelope and mark it box tops.

Celia P. Shawhan
December 4, 2015

Timothy J. Marks
January 14, 2016

Christian sympathy is extended to the Shawhan and Marks Families.
Registration now open for 2016 camp season

Register today at Wakondacamp.org

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Spring Picnic

NEW DATE!

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Camp Benefit Auction

www.WakondaCamp.org

Session Notes—January 19, 2016

Edith Ophardt led us in worship following dinner together. We met with all of the Ministry heads for our quarterly meeting. It is exciting to see that all of the ministries at Christ Presbyterian Church are led by such caring and forward thinking parishioners. Tom McCain discussed how much the church saved by having the scaffolding not only take care of the painting work in the church but also all of the light work. The church saved about $45,000 because of the combined work together. Jennie George discussed the great work of the volunteers for our children’s programs and the planning that has been done already for 2016. Chris talked about how registration is already open for Wakonda now and how there is work in progress for vespers planning for this year’s camps. He also discussed the work that is being done for the master plan for Wakonda. Edith talked about the planning being done for Adult Discipleship and looking at expanding small groups. Nancy Irving was recognized for her efforts in starting Grace in Our Midst and how effective it is for our church.

Submitted by Chris Burt

Get Connected at Christ Church

Many in the congregation are already using the online church membership program, Access ACS. This allows members to view online Membership Information/Directory; Give online; sign up for events; email ministry/groups you are involved in, etc. If you have never logged in, check it out! Visit the Church website: www.cantoncpc.org and click on CPC Members/Member Login. If you have never logged in, click on need a login below the blue sign in box. Once you have created a login on the membership program, you can download a free mobile app to stay connected on the go! Search for ACS Church Life with the icon pictured.

This app allows you to contribute from your mobile device, look up phone numbers, addresses, and emails, send text or call, pull up directions and a map for home visits, and view calendar events. You simply use the same username/password you use for Access ACS.

If you have questions or need help, please call Diane in the church office (330-456-8113).

Like and share our Church facebook page—where we share upcoming church and fellowship events. Go to the Church website: www.cantoncpc.org and click on the “Find Us On facebook” icon at the bottom of the home page.
**February**

**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Classes—All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Kids’ Church  

**Tuesday Schedule**  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—Parlor (2/2 & 2/9)  
1:00-3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting—Library  

**Wednesday Schedule**  
5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesday Choir Program  

**Thursday Schedule**  
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—West. Hall  
7:15-9:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  

**Wednesday, 2/3**  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting—Westminster Hall  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor  

**Thursday, 2/4**  
7:00-8:30 p.m. High School Bible Study—Muggswigz  

**Sunday, 2/7—Communion/Homebound Communion**  
12:00 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  

**Monday, 2/8**  
3:00 p.m. Property Ministry—Parlor  

**Tuesday, 2/9**  
6:00 p.m. Session Dinner/Meeting—Westminster Hall  

**Wednesday, 2/10**  
8:00 a.m. Food Ministry  
12:05 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service—Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service—Sanctuary  

**Thursday, 2/11**  
7:00-8:30 p.m. High School Bible Study—Muggswigz  

**Saturday, 2/13**  
8:30 a.m. Food Ministry Breakfast—West. Hall  

**Sunday, 2/14**  
Israel Trip thru February 27  
12:00 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  

**Tuesday, 2/16**  
11:30 a.m. TAG Lunch/Program—Westminster Hall  

**Wednesday, 2/17—Tydings Deadline**  
6:30-7:15 p.m. Taize Service  

**Thursday, 2/18**  
7:00-8:30 p.m. High School Bible Study—Muggswigz  

**Sunday, 2/21**  
12:00 p.m. New Member Class—Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong—Sanctuary  

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**MARK your CALENDAR**  

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**  
11:00 a.m. Brunch and activities/Hunt begins at noon  
We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the eggs. Last year we filled 1500 eggs—so it takes A LOT of candy to get them all filled. Donations can be dropped off in the office or in any of the classrooms. We’ll be stuffing eggs after church on Palm Sunday (3/20) so if you have about 45 minutes to lend a hand, it would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.  

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Return Service Requested

The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.

To be added to the Tydings email list or to submit an article for Tydings, please email dnave@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Sunday Mornings
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Listen to the Cathedral Hour on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on 640AM WHLO, or log on your computer to www.640whlo.com for live streaming.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain:
Whenever there’s a need for prayer, please call one of our Prayer Chain co-chairs:
Miriam Hinterleiter ~ 330-966-5846
Miriam Carter ~ 330-832-5120
Alice Bailey ~ 330-456-6290
or email AliceB1519@aol.com

Friends Helping Friends:
If you are in need of temporary assistance or medical equipment, we want you to know that we care. God has His hand in this ministry, sees your need, and wants you to receive this assistance through Friends Helping Friends. Please do not hesitate to call coordinator:
Carol Burt ~ 330-492-8261

FEBruary Birthdays

1. Nancy Baker, Don Hart, Rollin Reiter
2. Rick Angeli, Chad Pollard, Louise Sherban, Randy Snow
3. Mary Jane Ebie, Patricia Perkins, Lowell Wheeland
4. Liam Neff
5. Wayne Wallace
6. Judy Douglass, Peggy Johnston, Don Koch
7. Teke Heston
8. Michael Zimmer
9. Jim Camp, Amanda Roberts, Megan Tibbits
10. Mary Angeli, Lisa Campbell, Drew Delap
11. Jim Fricker, Brett Kemper
12. Meghan Cahill, Peggy Griffith, Gloria Marks, Kathy Schlabach, Robin Shanower
13. Joan Clarke, Nick D’Antonio
15. John Beam, Don Rossbach
16. Heather Dominik, Andrea Doria, Lori Wulff
17. Lori Kortkamp, Yvonne Lee, Katy Neff, Blodwyn Nist
18. Nolan Harmsen, Gigi Somerville
19. Rafael Rodriguez, Floyd Wimer
20. Madelyn Davison, Nancy Montgomery, Lydia Pollard, David Rauch, Sharon Tuersley, Doris Williams
21. Becky Banfield, Byrdie Stocker
22. Kathy Kettlewell, Merle Smith
23. Ellen Purchase
24. DeeDee Bailey, Julia Dawson, Grace Reed
25. Journey Mathewson, Grace Snavely
26. Emily Hudson

Christ Church celebrates birthdays of members who are 95 years or more:
Wayne Wallace (95) - February 5